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The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund"
4 which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by the
5 state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant to
6 the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and between
7 the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April 30,
8 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General
9 Fund. During the fiscal year ending June 30, [2000] 2015, and each
10 fiscal year thereafter, [one hundred thirty-five million dollars,] from
11 the funds received by the state from the tribe pursuant to said joint
12 memorandum of understanding, as amended, and any successor
13 thereto, an amount equal to the appropriation to the Mashantucket
14 Pequot and Mohegan Fund for Grants to Towns shall be transferred to

15 the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund and shall be distributed
16 by the Office of Policy and Management, during said fiscal year, in
17 accordance with the provisions of section 3-55j. The amount of the
18 grant payable to each municipality during any fiscal year, in
19 accordance with said section, shall be reduced proportionately if the
20 total of such grants exceeds the amount of funds available for such
21 year. The grant shall be paid in three installments as follows: The
22 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, annually, not
23 later than the fifteenth day of December, the fifteenth day of March
24 and the fifteenth day of June certify to the Comptroller the amount due
25 each municipality under the provisions of section 3-55j and the
26 Comptroller shall draw an order on the Treasurer on or before the fifth
27 business day following the fifteenth day of December, the fifth
28 business day following the fifteenth day of March and the fifth
29 business day following the fifteenth day of June and the Treasurer
30 shall pay the amount thereof to such municipality on or before the first
31 day of January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day of June.

32 Sec. 2. Section 22a-27j of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

34 (a) Any person, firm or corporation, other than a municipality,
35 making an application for any approval required by chapters 124, 126,
36 440 and 444 or by regulations adopted pursuant to said chapters shall
37 pay a fee of twenty dollars, in addition to any other fee which may be
38 required, to the municipal agency or legislative body which is
39 authorized to approve the application. [On and after July 1, 2004, the
40 fee shall be thirty dollars.] On and after October 1, 2009, the fee shall be
41 sixty dollars. Such municipal agency or legislative body shall collect
42 such fees, retaining two dollars of such fee for administrative costs,
43 and shall pay the remainder of such fees quarterly to the Department
44 of Energy and Environmental Protection and the receipts shall be
45 deposited into the General Fund.

46 (b) Not later than three months following the close of each fiscal
47 year starting with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, the

48 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall identify
49 those municipalities that are not in compliance with subsection (a) of
50 this section for the previous fiscal year and shall provide the Office of
51 Policy and Management with a list of such municipalities. The list shall
52 be submitted annually and in such manner as the Office of Policy and
53 Management may require. The Office of Policy and Management,
54 when issuing the first payment from the Mashantucket Pequot and
55 Mohegan Fund established pursuant to section 3-55i, as amended by
56 this act, in the fiscal year during which said list is received, shall
57 reduce said payment to a municipality by one thousand dollars for
58 each quarter of the preceding fiscal year that the municipality has not
59 been in compliance with subsection (a) of this section to a maximum of
60 four thousand dollars in each fiscal year.

61 (c) Following the close of each fiscal year starting with the fiscal
62 year beginning July 1, 2014, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
63 Management shall certify to the Comptroller the amount of any funds
64 withheld under subsection (b) of this section and the Comptroller shall
65 cause such amount to be deposited into the General Fund.

66 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) On and after October 1, 2014,
67 (1) each police basic training program conducted or administered by
68 the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
69 Services and Public Protection, the Police Officer Standards and
70 Training Council, established under section 7-294b of the general
71 statutes, or a municipal police department in the state shall include a
72 course on handling incidents involving an individual affected with a
73 serious mental illness, and (2) each review training program conducted
74 by such agencies shall make provisions for such a course.

75 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 12-263m of the general statutes is
76 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
77 *1, 2014*):

78 (e) Notwithstanding the terms of any grant made under this section,
79 an eligible applicant shall bear all the costs of such pollution that are
80 less than ten thousand dollars. The Commissioner of Economic and

81 Community Development may provide a grant of up to three hundred
82 thousand dollars to the eligible applicant where the eligible applicant
83 has provided said commissioner with documentation satisfactory to
84 said commissioner that the services for which payment is sought have
85 been or will be completed. No eligible applicant shall receive more
86 than three hundred thousand dollars per eligible dry cleaning
87 establishment. [There shall be allocated to the Department of Economic
88 and Community Development annually from the account, for
89 administrative costs, an amount equal to five per cent of the maximum
90 balance of the account in the preceding year or one hundred thousand
91 dollars, whichever is greater.] In addition, the account may be used (1)
92 to provide grants to the Department of Energy and Environmental
93 Protection for expenditures made investigating dry cleaning
94 establishments, (2) to provide potable water whenever necessary, and
95 (3) to conduct environmental site assessments.

96 Sec. 5. Section 12-120b of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
97 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
98 *from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April 1, 2014*):

99 (a) As used in this section:

100 (1) "Claimant" means a person, company, limited liability company,
101 firm, association, corporation or other business entity having received
102 approval for financial assistance from a town's assessor or a municipal
103 official;

104 (2) "Financial assistance" means a property tax exemption, property
105 tax credit or rental rebate for which the state of Connecticut provides
106 direct or indirect reimbursement; and

107 (3) "Program" means (A) property tax exemptions under section 12-
108 81g or subdivision (55), (59), (60), (70), (72) or (74) of section 12-81,
109 [and] (B) tax relief pursuant to section 12-129d or 12-170aa, and (C)
110 grants under section 12-170d, as amended by this act.

111 (b) A claimant negatively affected by a decision of the Secretary of

112 the Office of Policy and Management with respect to any program may
113 appeal such decision in the manner set forth in subsection (d) of this
114 section. Any notice the secretary issues pursuant to this section shall be
115 sent by first class United States mail to a claimant at the address
116 entered on the application for financial assistance as filed unless,
117 subsequent to the date of said filing, the claimant sends the secretary a
118 written request that any correspondence regarding said financial
119 assistance be sent to another name or address. The date of any notice
120 sent by the secretary pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be the
121 date the notice is delivered to the claimant.

122 (c) The secretary may review any application for financial assistance
123 submitted by a claimant in conjunction with a program. The secretary
124 may exclude from reimbursement any property included in an
125 application that, in the secretary's judgment, does not qualify for
126 financial assistance or may modify the amount of any financial
127 assistance approved by an assessor or municipal official in the event
128 the secretary finds it to be mathematically incorrect, not supported by
129 the application, not in conformance with law or if the secretary
130 believes that additional information is needed to justify its approval.

131 (d) (1) If the secretary modifies the amount of financial assistance
132 approved by an assessor or municipal official under a program, or
133 makes a preliminary determination that the claimant who filed written
134 application for such financial assistance is ineligible therefor, the
135 secretary shall send a written notice of preliminary modification or
136 denial to said claimant and shall concurrently forward a copy to the
137 office of the assessor or municipal official who approved said financial
138 assistance. The notice shall include plain language setting forth the
139 reason for the preliminary modification or denial, the name and
140 telephone number of a member of the secretary's staff to whom
141 questions regarding the notice may be addressed, a request for any
142 additional information or documentation that the secretary believes is
143 needed in order to justify the approval of such financial assistance, the
144 manner by which the claimant may request reconsideration of the
145 secretary's preliminary determination and the timeframe for doing so.

146 Not later than ninety days after the date an assessor receives a copy of
147 such preliminary notice, the assessor shall determine whether an
148 increase to the taxable grand list of the town is required to be made as
149 a result of such modification or denial, unless, in the interim, the
150 assessor has received written notification from the secretary that a
151 request for a hearing with respect to such financial assistance has been
152 approved pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this
153 subsection. If an assessment increase is warranted, the assessor shall
154 promptly issue a certificate of correction adding the value of such
155 property to the taxable grand list for the appropriate assessment year
156 and shall forward a copy thereof to the tax collector, who shall, not
157 later than thirty days following, issue a bill for the amount of the
158 additional tax due as a result of such increase. Such additional tax shall
159 become due and payable not later than thirty days from the date such
160 bill is sent and shall be subject to interest for delinquent taxes as
161 provided in section 12-146. With respect to the preliminary
162 modification or denial of financial assistance for which a hearing is
163 held, the assessor shall not issue a certificate of correction until the
164 assessor receives written notice of the secretary's final determination
165 following such hearing.

166 (2) (A) Any claimant aggrieved by the secretary's notice of
167 preliminary modification or denial of financial assistance under a
168 program may, not later than thirty business days after receiving said
169 notice, request a reconsideration of the secretary's decision for any
170 factual reason, provided the claimant states the reason for the
171 reconsideration request in writing and concurrently provides any
172 additional information or documentation that the secretary may have
173 requested in the preliminary notice of modification or denial. The
174 secretary may grant an extension of the date by which a claimant's
175 additional information or documentation must be submitted, upon
176 receipt of proof that the claimant has requested such data from another
177 governmental agency or if the secretary determines there is good cause
178 for doing so.

179 (B) Not later than thirty business days after receiving a claimant's

180 request for reconsideration and any additional information or
181 documentation the claimant has provided, the secretary shall
182 reconsider the preliminary decision to modify or deny said financial
183 assistance and shall send the claimant a written notice of the
184 secretary's determination regarding such reconsideration. If aggrieved
185 by the secretary's notice of determination with respect to the
186 reconsideration of said financial assistance, the claimant may, not later
187 than thirty business days after receiving said notice, make application
188 for a hearing before said secretary, or the secretary's designee. Such
189 application shall be in writing and shall set forth the reason why the
190 financial assistance in question should not be modified or denied. Not
191 later than thirty business days after receiving an application for a
192 hearing, the secretary shall grant or deny such hearing request by
193 written notice to the claimant. If the secretary denies the claimant's
194 request for a hearing, such notice shall state the reason for said denial.
195 If the secretary grants the claimant's request for a hearing, the secretary
196 shall send written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing,
197 which shall be held not later than thirty business days after the date of
198 the secretary's notice granting the claimant a hearing. Such hearing
199 may, at the secretary's discretion, be held in the judicial district in
200 which the claimant or the claimant's property is located. Not later than
201 thirty business days after the date on which a hearing is held, a written
202 notice of the secretary's determination with respect to such hearing
203 shall be sent to the claimant and a copy thereof shall be concurrently
204 sent to the assessor or municipal official who approved the financial
205 assistance in question.

206 (3) If any claimant is aggrieved by the secretary's determination
207 concerning the hearing regarding the claimant's financial assistance or
208 the secretary's decision not to hold a hearing, such claimant may, not
209 later than thirty business days after receiving the secretary's notice
210 related thereto, appeal to the superior court of the judicial district in
211 which the claimant resides or in which the claimant's property that is
212 the subject of the appeal is located. Such appeal shall be accompanied
213 by a citation to the secretary to appear before said court, and shall be
214 served and returned in the same manner as is required in the case of a

215 summons in a civil action. The pendency of such appeal shall not
216 suspend any action by a municipality to collect property taxes from the
217 applicant on the property that is the subject of the appeal. The
218 authority issuing the citation shall take from the applicant a bond or
219 recognizance to the state of Connecticut, with surety, to prosecute the
220 application in effect and to comply with the orders and decrees of the
221 court in the premises. Such applications shall be preferred cases, to be
222 heard, unless cause appears to the contrary, at the first session, by the
223 court or by a committee appointed by the court. Said court may grant
224 such relief as may be equitable and, if the application is without
225 probable cause, may tax double or triple costs, as the case demands;
226 and, upon all applications which are denied, costs may be taxed
227 against the applicant at the discretion of the court, but no costs shall be
228 taxed against the state.

229 (4) The secretary shall notify each claimant of the final modification
230 or denial of financial assistance as claimed, in accordance with the
231 procedure set forth in this subsection. A copy of the notice of final
232 modification or denial shall be sent concurrently to the assessor or
233 municipal official who approved such financial assistance. With
234 respect to property tax exemptions under section 12-81g or subdivision
235 (55), (59), (60) or (70) of section 12-81, and tax relief pursuant to section
236 12-129d or 12-170aa, the notice pursuant to this subdivision shall be
237 sent not later than one year after the date claims for financial assistance
238 for each such program are filed with the secretary. For property tax
239 exemptions under subdivision (72) or (74) of section 12-81, such notice
240 shall be sent not later than the date by which a final modification to the
241 payment for such program must be reflected in the certification of the
242 secretary to the Comptroller. For grants under section 12-170d, as
243 amended by this act, such notice shall be sent not later than the date by
244 which the secretary certifies the amounts of payment to the
245 Comptroller.

246 Sec. 6. Section 12-170d of the 2014 supplement to the general
247 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
248 (*Effective from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April*

249 1, 2014):

250 (a) Beginning with the calendar year 1973 and for each calendar
251 year thereafter any renter of real property, or of a mobile
252 manufactured home, as defined in section 12-63a, which he occupies as
253 his home, who meets the qualifications set forth in this section, shall be
254 entitled to receive in the following year in the form of direct payment
255 from the state, a grant in refund of utility and rent bills actually paid
256 by or for him on such real property or mobile manufactured home to
257 the extent set forth in section 12-170e. Such grant by the state shall be
258 made upon receipt by the state of a certificate of grant with a copy of
259 the application therefor attached, as provided in section 12-170f, as
260 amended by this act, provided such application shall be made within
261 one year from the close of the calendar year for which the grant is
262 requested. If the rental quarters are occupied by more than one person,
263 it shall be assumed for the purposes of this section and sections
264 12-170e and 12-170f, as amended by this act, that each of such persons
265 pays his proportionate share of the rental and utility expenses levied
266 thereon and grants shall be calculated on that portion of utility and
267 rent bills paid that are applicable to the person making application for
268 grant under said sections. For purposes of this section and [said]
269 sections 12-170e and 12-170f, as amended by this act, a husband and
270 wife shall constitute one tenant, and a resident of cooperative housing
271 shall be a renter. To qualify for such payment by the state, the renter
272 shall meet qualification requirements in accordance with each of the
273 following subdivisions: (1) (A) At the close of the calendar year for
274 which a grant is claimed be sixty-five years of age or over, or his
275 spouse who is residing with him shall be sixty-five years of age or
276 over, at the close of such year, or be fifty years of age or over and the
277 surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of his death had qualified
278 and was entitled to tax relief under this chapter, provided such spouse
279 was domiciled with such renter at the time of his death or (B) at the
280 close of the calendar year for which a grant is claimed be under age
281 sixty-five and eligible in accordance with applicable federal
282 regulations, to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social
283 Security, or if he has not been engaged in employment covered by

284 Social Security and accordingly has not qualified for benefits
285 thereunder but has become qualified for permanent total disability
286 benefits under any federal, state or local government retirement or
287 disability plan, including the Railroad Retirement Act and any
288 government-related teacher's retirement plan, determined by the
289 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to contain
290 requirements in respect to qualification for such permanent total
291 disability benefits which are comparable to such requirements under
292 Social Security; (2) shall reside within this state and shall have resided
293 within this state for at least one year or his spouse who is domiciled
294 with him shall have resided within this state for at least one year and
295 shall reside within this state at the time of filing the claim and shall
296 have resided within this state for the period for which claim is made;
297 (3) shall have taxable and nontaxable income, the total of which shall
298 hereinafter be called "qualifying income", during the calendar year
299 preceding the filing of his claim in an amount of not more than twenty
300 thousand dollars, jointly with spouse, if married, and not more than
301 sixteen thousand two hundred dollars if unmarried, provided such
302 maximum amounts of qualifying income shall be subject to adjustment
303 in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-170e,
304 and provided the amount of any Medicaid payments made on behalf
305 of the renter or the spouse of the renter shall not constitute income;
306 and (4) shall not have received financial aid or subsidy from federal,
307 state, county or municipal funds, excluding Social Security receipts,
308 emergency energy assistance under any state program, emergency
309 energy assistance under any federal program, emergency energy
310 assistance under any local program, payments received under the
311 federal Supplemental Security Income Program, payments derived
312 from previous employment, veterans and veterans disability benefits
313 and subsidized housing accommodations, during the calendar year for
314 which a grant is claimed, for payment, directly or indirectly, of rent,
315 electricity, gas, water and fuel applicable to the rented residence.
316 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection, a
317 renter who receives cash assistance from the Department of Social
318 Services in the calendar year prior to that in which such renter files an

319 application for a grant may be entitled to receive such grant provided
320 the amount of the cash assistance received shall be deducted from the
321 amount of such grant and the difference between the amount of the
322 cash assistance and the amount of the grant is equal to or greater than
323 ten dollars. Funds attributable to such reductions shall be transferred
324 annually from the appropriation to the [Department of Housing]
325 Office of Policy and Management, for tax relief for elderly renters, to
326 the Department of Social Services, to the appropriate accounts,
327 following the issuance of such grants. Notwithstanding the provisions
328 of subsection (b) of section 12-170aa, the owner of a mobile
329 manufactured home may elect to receive benefits under section
330 12-170e in lieu of benefits under [said] section 12-170aa.

331 (b) For purposes of determining qualifying income under subsection
332 (a) of this section with respect to a married renter who submits an
333 application for a grant in accordance with sections 12-170d to 12-170g,
334 inclusive, as amended by this act, the Social Security income of the
335 spouse of such renter shall not be included in the qualifying income of
336 such renter, for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits under
337 said sections, if such spouse is a resident of a health care or nursing
338 home facility in this state receiving payment related to such spouse
339 under the Title XIX Medicaid program. An applicant who is legally
340 separated pursuant to the provisions of section 46b-40, as of the thirty-
341 first day of December preceding the date on which such person files an
342 application for a grant in accordance with sections 12-170d to 12-170g,
343 inclusive, as amended by this act, may apply as an unmarried person
344 and shall be regarded as such for purposes of determining qualifying
345 income under subsection (a) of this section.

346 [(c) Any individual who did not receive a grant for the calendar
347 year 2011 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not be eligible
348 to apply for a grant under this program. Any individual who did
349 receive a grant for the calendar year 2011 pursuant to subsection (a) of
350 this section shall continue to be eligible to apply for a grant under this
351 section, provided that any such individual who does not receive a
352 grant in any subsequent calendar year shall no longer be eligible to

353 apply for a grant under this program.]

354 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the 2014 supplement to
355 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
356 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to applications made on or*
357 *after April 1, 2014*):

358 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
359 under section 12-170d, as amended by this act, for any calendar year,
360 shall [make application] apply for such grant to the assessor of the
361 municipality in which the renter resides or to the duly authorized
362 agent of such assessor or municipality on or after April first and not
363 later than October first of each year with respect to such grant for the
364 calendar year preceding each such year, on a form prescribed and
365 furnished by the [Commissioner of Housing] Secretary of the Office of
366 Policy and Management to the assessor. A renter may [make
367 application] apply to the [commissioner] secretary prior to December
368 fifteenth of the claim year for an extension of the application period.
369 The [commissioner] secretary may grant such extension in the case of
370 extenuating circumstance due to illness or incapacitation as evidenced
371 by a certificate signed by a physician or an advanced practice
372 registered nurse to that extent, or if the [commissioner] secretary
373 determines there is good cause for doing so. A renter making such
374 application shall present to such assessor or agent, in substantiation of
375 the renter's application, a copy of the renter's federal income tax
376 return, and if not required to file a federal income tax return, such
377 other evidence of qualifying income, receipts for money received, or
378 cancelled checks, or copies thereof, and any other evidence the
379 assessor or such agent may require. When the assessor or agent is
380 satisfied that the applying renter is entitled to a grant, such assessor or
381 agent shall issue a certificate of grant, in triplicate, in such form as the
382 [commissioner] secretary may prescribe and supply showing the
383 amount of the grant due. The assessor or agent shall forward the
384 original copy and attached application to the [commissioner] secretary
385 not later than the last day of the month following the month in which
386 the renter has made application. [On or after December 1, 1989, any]

387 Any municipality [which] that neglects to transmit to the
388 [commissioner] secretary the claim and supporting applications as
389 required by this section shall forfeit two hundred fifty dollars to the
390 state, provided [said commissioner] the secretary may waive such
391 forfeiture in accordance with procedures and standards adopted by
392 regulation in accordance with chapter 54. A duplicate of such
393 certificate with a copy of the application attached shall be delivered to
394 the renter and the assessor or agent shall keep the third copy of such
395 certificate and a copy of the application. After the [commissioner's]
396 secretary's review of each claim, pursuant to section [12-170ee] 12-
397 120b, as amended by this act, and verification of the amount of the
398 grant the [commissioner] secretary shall, not later than September
399 thirtieth of each year prepare a list of certificates approved for
400 payment, and shall thereafter supplement such list monthly. Such list
401 and any supplements thereto shall be approved for payment by the
402 [commissioner] secretary and shall be forwarded by the
403 [commissioner] secretary to the Comptroller, not later than one
404 hundred twenty days after receipt of such applications and certificates
405 of grant from the assessor or agent, and the Comptroller shall draw an
406 order on the Treasurer, not later than fifteen days following, in favor of
407 each person on such list and on supplements to such list in the amount
408 of such person's claim and the Treasurer shall pay such amount to
409 such person, not later than fifteen days following. If the Secretary of
410 the Office of Policy and Management determines a renter was
411 overpaid for such grant, the amount of any subsequent grant paid to
412 the renter under section 12-170d, as amended by this act, after such
413 determination shall be reduced by the amount of overpayment until
414 the overpayment has been recouped. Any claimant aggrieved by the
415 results of the [commissioner's review] secretary's review or
416 determination shall have the rights of appeal as set forth in section [12-
417 170ee] 12-120b, as amended by this act. Applications filed under this
418 section shall not be open for public inspection. Any person who, for
419 the purpose of obtaining a grant under section 12-170d, as amended by
420 this act, wilfully fails to disclose all matters related thereto or with
421 intent to defraud makes false statement shall be fined not more than

422 five hundred dollars.

423 Sec. 8. Section 12-170g of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
424 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
425 *from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April 1, 2014*):

426 Any person aggrieved by the action of the assessor or agent in fixing
427 the amount of the grant under section 12-170f, as amended by this act,
428 or in disapproving the claim therefor may apply to the [Commissioner
429 of Housing] Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in
430 writing, within thirty business days from the date of notice given to
431 such person by the assessor or agent, giving notice of such grievance.
432 The [commissioner] secretary shall promptly consider such notice and
433 may grant or deny the relief requested, provided such decision shall be
434 made not later than thirty business days after the receipt of such
435 notice. If the relief is denied, the applicant shall be notified forthwith,
436 and the applicant may appeal the decision of the [commissioner]
437 secretary in accordance with the provisions of section [12-170ee] 12-
438 120b, as amended by this act.

439 Sec. 9. Section 12-170bb of the 2014 supplement to the general
440 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
441 (*Effective from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April*
442 *1, 2014*):

443 (a) On or before March first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of
444 Policy and Management shall submit a report concerning the state
445 programs of tax relief for elderly homeowners and grants to elderly
446 renters to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly [on]
447 having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding.
448 [Said] Such report shall be prepared in relation to qualified
449 participants, benefits allowed and state payments to municipalities as
450 reimbursement for property tax loss in the preceding calendar year,
451 including data concerning (1) the total number of qualified participants
452 in each of the state programs for elderly homeowners and the state
453 program for elderly renters, and (2) total benefits allowed in each of
454 such programs. The information as to qualified participants and

benefits allowed shall be subdivided to reflect such totals with respect to each of the following categories: (A) Each of the income brackets as included in the schedule of benefits for elderly homeowners and renters, and (B) married and unmarried participants.

(b) In addition to the information described in subsection (a), [said] such report pertaining to the state programs of tax reduction for elderly homeowners and grants for elderly renters shall include statistics related to distribution of benefits, applicable to the preceding calendar year, as follows:

(1) With respect to each of the bracket of tax reduction benefits in the following schedules, the total number of persons in the state program of tax reduction for homeowners under section 12-170aa who received benefits within the limits of each such bracket, including the number of persons receiving the maximum and the minimum amounts of tax reduction:

	Amount of Tax Reduction Allowed			
	Married Homeowners		Unmarried Homeowners	
	Over	Not Exceeding	Over	Not Exceeding
	\$	\$ 100 (Minimum)	\$	\$ 100 (Minimum)
T1				
T2				
T3				
T4				
T5	100	200	100	200
T6	200	300	200	300
T7	300	400	300	400
T8	400	500	400	500
T9	500	600	500	600
T10	600	700	600	700
T11	700	800	700	800
T12	800	900	800	900
T13	900	1,000	900	999
T14	1,000	1,100		1,000 (Maximum)
T15	1,100	1,249		
T16		1,250 (Maximum)		

(2) With respect to each of the brackets concerning grants to renters

471 in the following schedules, the total number of persons in the state
 472 program of grants for elderly renters under sections 12-170d, as
 473 amended by this act, and 12-170e, as amended by this act, who
 474 received benefits within the limits of each such bracket, including the
 475 number of persons receiving the maximum and minimum amount of
 476 grant:

Amount of State Grant Allowed				
Married Renters		Unmarried Renters		
	Over	Not exceeding	Over	Not Exceeding
T20	\$	\$ 100 (Minimum)	\$	\$ 100 (Minimum)
T21	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>
T22	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>
T23	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>
T24	<u>400</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>500</u>
T25	<u>500</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>600</u>
T26	<u>600</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>699</u>
T27	<u>700</u>	<u>800</u>		<u>700 (Maximum)</u>
T28	<u>800</u>	<u>899</u>		
T29		<u>900 (Maximum)</u>		

477 [(2)] (3) With respect to each of the brackets of benefits in the
 478 following schedule, the total number of persons in the state tax-freeze
 479 program for elderly homeowners under section 12-129b who received
 480 benefits in tax reduction within the limits of each such bracket:

Amount of Tax Reduction Benefit Allowed		
	Over	Not Exceeding
T30		
T31		
T32	\$	\$ 300
T33	300	600
T34	600	900
T35	900	1,200
T36	1,200	1,500
T37	1,500	

481 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 17b-90 of the 2014 supplement to

482 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
483 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to applications made on or*
484 *after April 1, 2014*):

485 (b) No person shall, except for purposes directly connected with the
486 administration of programs of the Department of Social Services and in
487 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose,
488 receive or make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in
489 or acquiesce in the use of, any list of the names of, or any information
490 concerning, persons applying for or receiving assistance from the
491 Department of Social Services or persons participating in a program
492 administered by said department, directly or indirectly derived from
493 the records, papers, files or communications of the state or its
494 subdivisions or agencies, or acquired in the course of the performance
495 of official duties. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disclose (1)
496 to any authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner such
497 information directly related to unemployment compensation,
498 administered pursuant to chapter 567 or information necessary for
499 implementation of sections 17b-688b, 17b-688c and 17b-688h and
500 section 122 of public act 97-2 of the June 18 special session, (2) to any
501 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and
502 Addiction Services any information necessary for the implementation
503 and operation of the basic needs supplement program, (3) to any
504 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Administrative
505 Services or the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
506 Protection such information as the Commissioner of Social Services
507 determines is directly related to and necessary for the Department of
508 Administrative Services or the Department of Emergency Services and
509 Public Protection for purposes of performing their functions of
510 collecting social services recoveries and overpayments or amounts due
511 as support in social services cases, investigating social services fraud or
512 locating absent parents of public assistance recipients, (4) to any
513 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Children and
514 Families necessary information concerning a child or the immediate
515 family of a child receiving services from the Department of Social
516 Services, including safety net services, if the Commissioner of Children

517 and Families or the Commissioner of Social Services has determined
518 that imminent danger to such child's health, safety or welfare exists to
519 target the services of the family services programs administered by the
520 Department of Children and Families, (5) to a town official or other
521 contractor or authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner
522 such information concerning an applicant for or a recipient of
523 assistance under state-administered general assistance deemed
524 necessary by the Commissioner of Social Services and the Labor
525 Commissioner to carry out their respective responsibilities to serve
526 such persons under the programs administered by the Labor
527 Department that are designed to serve applicants for or recipients of
528 state-administered general assistance, (6) to any authorized
529 representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
530 Services for the purposes of the behavioral health managed care
531 program established by section 17a-453, (7) to any authorized
532 representative of the Commissioner of Public Health to carry out his or
533 her respective responsibilities under programs that regulate child day
534 care services or youth camps, (8) to a health insurance provider, in IV-
535 D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of
536 section 46b-231, information concerning a child and the custodial
537 parent of such child that is necessary to enroll such child in a health
538 insurance plan available through such provider when the noncustodial
539 parent of such child is under court order to provide health insurance
540 coverage but is unable to provide such information, provided the
541 Commissioner of Social Services determines, after providing prior
542 notice of the disclosure to such custodial parent and an opportunity for
543 such parent to object, that such disclosure is in the best interests of the
544 child, (9) to any authorized representative of the Department of
545 Correction, in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of
546 subsection (b) of section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial
547 parents that is necessary to identify inmates or parolees with IV-D
548 support cases who may benefit from Department of Correction
549 educational, training, skill building, work or rehabilitation
550 programming that will significantly increase an inmate's or parolee's
551 ability to fulfill such inmate's support obligation, (10) to any

552 authorized representative of the Judicial Branch, in IV-D support cases,
553 as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231,
554 information concerning noncustodial parents that is necessary to: (A)
555 Identify noncustodial parents with IV-D support cases who may
556 benefit from educational, training, skill building, work or
557 rehabilitation programming that will significantly increase such
558 parent's ability to fulfill such parent's support obligation, (B) assist in
559 the administration of the Title IV-D child support program, or (C)
560 assist in the identification of cases involving family violence, (11) to
561 any authorized representative of the State Treasurer, in IV-D support
562 cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-
563 231, information that is necessary to identify child support obligors
564 who owe overdue child support prior to the Treasurer's payment of
565 such obligors' claim for any property unclaimed or presumed
566 abandoned under part III of chapter 32, or (12) to any authorized
567 representative of the [Commissioner of Housing for the purpose of
568 verifying whether an applicant for the renters rebate program
569 established by section 12-170d is a recipient of cash assistance from the
570 Department of Social Services and the amount of such assistance]
571 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management any information
572 necessary for the implementation and operation of the renters rebate
573 program established by section 12-170d, as amended by this act. No
574 such representative shall disclose any information obtained pursuant
575 to this section, except as specified in this section. Any applicant for
576 assistance provided through said department shall be notified that, if
577 and when such applicant receives benefits, the department will be
578 providing law enforcement officials with the address of such applicant
579 upon the request of any such official pursuant to section 17b-16a.

580 Sec. 11. Section 8-37qqq of the 2014 supplement to the general
581 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
582 (*Effective from passage*):

583 (a) Annually, on or before March thirty-first, the Commissioner of
584 Housing shall submit a report to the Governor and the General
585 Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Not later

586 than thirty days after submission of the report to the Governor and the
587 General Assembly, said commissioner shall post the report on the
588 Department of Housing's Internet web site. [Said] Such report shall
589 include, but not be limited to, the following information with regard to
590 the activities of the Department of Housing during the preceding state
591 fiscal year:

592 (1) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the
593 department, including:

594 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
595 the department's assistance;

596 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such
597 assistance: (i) Amount of state investment, (ii) a summary of the terms
598 and conditions for the department's assistance, including the type and
599 amount of state financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of
600 investments from private and other nonstate resources that have been
601 leveraged by such assistance; and

602 (C) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio value,
603 (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) total
604 portfolio by municipality, (iv) total investments made in the preceding
605 state fiscal year categorized by municipality, (v) total portfolio
606 leverage ratio, and (vi) leverage ratio of the total investments made in
607 the preceding state fiscal year.

608 (2) With regard to the department's housing-development-related
609 functions and activities:

610 (A) A brief description and assessment of the state's housing market
611 during the preceding state fiscal year, utilizing the most recent and
612 reasonably available data, including, but not limited to, (i) a brief
613 description of the significant characteristics of such market, including
614 supply, demand and condition and cost of housing, and (ii) any other
615 information that the commissioner deems appropriate;

616 (B) A comprehensive assessment of current and future needs for

617 rental assistance under section 8-119kk for housing projects for the
618 elderly and disabled, in consultation with the Connecticut Housing
619 Finance Authority;

620 (C) An analysis of the progress of the public and private sectors
621 toward meeting housing needs in the state, using building permit data
622 from the United States Census Bureau and demolition data from
623 Connecticut municipalities;

624 (D) A list of municipalities that meet the affordable housing criteria
625 set forth in subsection (k) of section 8-30g and in regulations adopted
626 by the commissioner pursuant to said section. For the purpose of
627 determining the percentage required by subsection (k) of said section,
628 the commissioner shall use as the denominator the number of dwelling
629 units in the municipality, as reported in the most recent United States
630 decennial census; and

631 (E) A statement of the department's housing development
632 objectives, measures of program success and standards for granting
633 financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs administered by
634 said commissioner.

635 (3) A presentation of the state-funded housing development
636 portfolio of the department, including:

637 (A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of
638 such assistance; and

639 (B) For each such recipient, (i) a summary of the terms and
640 conditions for the assistance, including the type and amount of state
641 financial assistance, (ii) the amount of investments from private and
642 other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by the assistance, (iii)
643 the number of new units to be created and the number of units to be
644 preserved at the time of the application, and (iv) the number of actual
645 new units created and number of units preserved.

646 (4) An analysis of the state-funded housing development portfolio
647 of the department, including:

648 (A) An investment analysis, including the (i) total active portfolio
649 value, (ii) total investment made in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii)
650 portfolio dollar per new unit created, (iv) estimated dollars per new
651 unit created for projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding
652 state fiscal year, (v) portfolio dollars per unit preserved, (vi) estimated
653 dollar per unit preserved for projects receiving an assistance award in
654 the preceding state fiscal year, (vii) portfolio leverage ratio, and (viii)
655 leverage ratio for housing development investments made in the
656 preceding state fiscal year; and

657 (B) A production and preservation analysis, including (i) the total
658 number of units created, itemized by municipality, for the total
659 portfolio and projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding
660 state fiscal year, (ii) the total number of elderly units created for the
661 total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the
662 preceding state fiscal year, (iii) the total number of family units created
663 for the total portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in
664 the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) the total number of units preserved,
665 itemized by municipality, for the total portfolio and projects receiving
666 an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal year, (v) the total
667 number of elderly units preserved for the total portfolio and for
668 projects receiving an assistance award in the preceding state fiscal
669 year, (vi) the total number of family units preserved for the total
670 portfolio and for projects receiving an assistance award in the
671 preceding state fiscal year, (vii) an analysis by income group of
672 households served by the department's housing construction,
673 substantial rehabilitation, purchase and rental assistance programs, for
674 each housing development, if applicable, and for each program,
675 including number of households served under each program by race
676 and data for all households, and (viii) a summary of the department's
677 efforts in promoting fair housing choice and racial and economic
678 integration, including data on the racial composition of the occupants
679 and persons on the waiting list of each housing project that is assisted
680 under any housing program established by the general statutes or a
681 special act or that is supervised by the department, provided no
682 information shall be required to be disclosed by any occupant or

683 person on a waiting list for the preparation of such summary. As used
684 in this subparagraph, "elderly units" means dwelling units for which
685 occupancy is restricted by age, and "family units" means dwelling
686 units for which occupancy is not restricted by age.

687 (5) An economic impact analysis of the department's housing
688 development efforts and activities, including, but not limited to:

689 (A) The contribution of such efforts and activities to the gross state
690 product;

691 (B) The direct and indirect employment created by the investments
692 for the total housing development portfolio and for any investment
693 activity for such portfolio occurring in the preceding state fiscal year;
694 and

695 (C) Personal income in the state.

696 (6) With regard to the Housing Trust Fund and Housing Trust Fund
697 program, as those terms are defined in section 8-336m:

698 (A) Activities for the prior fiscal year of the Housing Trust Fund and
699 the Housing Trust Fund program; and

700 (B) The efforts of the department to obtain private support for the
701 Housing Trust Fund and the Housing Trust Fund program.

702 (7) With regard to the department's energy conservation loan
703 program:

704 (A) The number of loans or deferred loans made during the
705 preceding fiscal year under each component of such program and the
706 total amount of the loans or deferred loans made during such fiscal
707 year under each such component;

708 (B) A description of each step of the loan or deferred loan
709 application and review process;

710 (C) The location of each loan or deferred loan application intake site

711 for such program;

712 (D) The average time period for the processing of loan or deferred
713 loan applications during such fiscal year; and

714 (E) The total administrative expenses of such program for such
715 fiscal year.

716 (8) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the
717 department's efforts and activities in the areas of community and
718 housing development, and an assessment of the department's
719 performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and objectives.

720 [(9) With regard to the department's state program of grants to
721 elderly renters under sections 12-170d and 12-170e, which shall be
722 submitted annually by the Commissioner of Housing to the joint
723 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
724 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding:

725 (A) The total number of qualified participants and total benefits
726 allowed, subdivided to reflect such totals with respect to each of the
727 income brackets as included in the schedule of benefits and married
728 and unmarried participants;

729 (B) Applicable to the preceding calendar year, the total number of
730 persons in the state program of grants for elderly renters who received
731 benefits within the limits of each bracket in the following schedule,
732 including the number of persons receiving the maximum and the
733 minimum amount of grant:

Amount of State Grant Allowed				
Married Renters		Unmarried Renters		
Over	Not Exceeding	Over	Not Exceeding	
\$	\$ 100 (Minimum)	\$	\$ 100 (Minimum)	
100	200	100	200	
200	300	200	300	
300	400	300	400	

T45	400	500	400	500
T46	500	600	500	600
T47	600	700	600	699
T48	700	800		700 (Maximum)
T49	800	899		
T50		900 (Maximum)]		

734 (b) Any annual report that is required from the department by any
 735 provision of the general statutes shall be incorporated into the annual
 736 report provided pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

737 Sec. 12. Section 3-65a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 738 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

739 (a) Within one hundred eighty days before a presumption of
 740 abandonment is to take effect in respect to property subject to section
 741 3-60b or 3-60c and within one year before a presumption of
 742 abandonment is to take effect in respect to all other property subject to
 743 this part, and if the owner's claim is not barred by law, the holder shall
 744 notify the owner thereof, by first class mail directed to the owner's last-
 745 known address, that evidence of interest must be indicated as required
 746 by this part or such property will be transferred to the Treasurer and
 747 will be subject to escheat to the state.

748 (b) Within ninety days after the close of the calendar year in which
 749 property is presumed abandoned, the holder shall pay or deliver such
 750 property to the Treasurer and file, on forms which the Treasurer shall
 751 provide, a report of unclaimed property. Each report shall be verified
 752 and shall include: (1) The name, if known, and last-known address, if
 753 any, of each person appearing to be the owner of such property; (2) in
 754 case of unclaimed funds of an insurance company, the full name of the
 755 insured or annuitant and beneficiary and his or her last-known
 756 address appearing on the insurance company's records; (3) the nature
 757 and identifying number, if any, or description of the property and the
 758 amount appearing from the records to be due except that the holder
 759 shall report in the aggregate items having a value of less than fifty

760 dollars; (4) the date when the property became payable, demandable
761 or returnable and the date of the last transaction with the owner with
762 respect to the property; (5) if the holder is a successor to other holders,
763 or if the holder has changed the holder's name, all prior known names
764 and addresses of each holder of the property; and (6) such other
765 information as the Treasurer may require.

766 (c) Verification, if made by a partnership, shall be executed by a
767 partner; if made by an unincorporated association or private
768 corporation, by an officer; and if made by a public corporation, by its
769 chief fiscal officer.

770 (d) The Treasurer shall keep a permanent record of all reports
771 submitted to the Treasurer.

772 (e) Except for claims paid under section 3-67a and except as
773 provided in subsection (e) of section 3-70a, no owner shall be entitled
774 to any interest, income or other increment which may accrue to
775 property presumed abandoned from and after the date of payment or
776 delivery to the Treasurer.

777 (f) The Treasurer may decline to receive any property the value of
778 which is less than the cost of giving notice or holding sale, or may
779 postpone taking possession until a sufficient sum accumulates.

780 (g) The Treasurer, or any officer or agency designated by the
781 Treasurer, may examine any person on oath or affirmation, or the
782 records of any person or any agent of the person including, but not
783 limited to, a dividend disbursement agent or transfer agent of a
784 business association, banking organization or insurance company that
785 is the holder of property presumed abandoned to determine whether
786 the person or agent has complied with this part. The Treasurer may
787 conduct the examination even if the person or agent believes the
788 person or agent is not in possession of any property that must be paid,
789 delivered or reported under this part. The Treasurer may bring an
790 action in a court of appropriate jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of
791 this part.

792 (h) Upon request of the holder, the Treasurer may approve the
793 aggregate reporting on an estimated basis of two hundred or more
794 items in each of one or more categories of unclaimed funds whenever
795 it appears to the Treasurer that each of the items in any such category
796 has a value of more than ten dollars but less than fifty dollars and the
797 cost of reporting such items would be disproportionate to the amounts
798 involved. Any holder electing to so report any such category in the
799 aggregate shall assume responsibility for any valid claim presented
800 within twenty years after the year in which the items in such category
801 are presumed abandoned.

802 (i) A record of the issuance of a check, draft or similar instrument is
803 prima facie evidence of the obligation represented by the check, draft
804 or similar instrument. In claiming property from a holder who is also
805 the issuer, the Treasurer's burden of proof as to the existence and
806 amount of the property and its abandonment is satisfied by showing
807 issuance of the instrument and passage of the requisite period of
808 abandonment. Defenses of payment, satisfaction, discharge and want
809 of consideration are affirmative defenses that shall be established by
810 the holder.

811 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,
812 the holder of personal property presumed abandoned pursuant to
813 subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 3-57a shall (1) sell such
814 property and pay the proceeds arising from such sale, excluding any
815 charges that may lawfully be withheld, to the Treasurer, unless such
816 property consists of military medals, in which case such property shall
817 not be sold, and (2) provide the Treasurer with records deemed
818 appropriate by the Treasurer of property so presumed abandoned. A
819 holder of such property may contract with a third party to store and
820 sell such property and to pay the proceeds arising from such sale,
821 excluding any charges that may be lawfully withheld, to the Treasurer,
822 provided the third party holds a surety bond or other form of
823 insurance coverage with respect to such activities. Any holder who
824 sells such property and remits the excess proceeds to the Treasurer or
825 who transmits such property to a bonded or insured third party for

826 such purposes, shall not be responsible for any claims related to the
827 sale or transmission of the property or proceeds to the Treasurer. If the
828 Treasurer exempts any such property from being remitted or sold
829 pursuant to this subsection, whether by regulations or guidelines, the
830 holder of such property may dispose of such property in any manner
831 such holder deems appropriate and such holder shall not be
832 responsible for any claims related to the disposition of such property
833 or any claims to the property itself. For purposes of this subsection,
834 charges that may lawfully be withheld include costs of storage,
835 appraisal, advertising and sales commissions as well as lawful charges
836 owing under the contract governing the safe deposit box rental.

837 (k) In the event military medals are presumed abandoned pursuant
838 to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 3-57a, a banking or
839 financial organization shall transmit such medals to the Department of
840 Veterans' Affairs in accordance with procedures established by the
841 Treasurer. The Treasurer and Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs shall
842 enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning the handling
843 of such medals and the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall hold
844 such medals in custody pursuant to such memorandum. The Treasurer
845 may make any information obtained pursuant to this section,
846 including any photograph or other visual depiction of a military medal
847 but excluding Social Security numbers, available to the public to
848 facilitate the identification of the original owner of such medal or such
849 owner's heirs or beneficiaries.

850 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 10-292q of the 2014 supplement to
851 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
852 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

853 (a) There is established a School Building Projects Advisory Council.
854 The council shall consist of: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy
855 and Management, or the secretary's designee, (2) the Commissioner of
856 Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee, and (3)
857 [three] five members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be
858 a person with experience in school building project matters, one of

859 whom shall be a person with experience in architecture, [and] one of
860 whom shall be a person with experience in engineering, one of whom
861 shall be a person with experience in school safety, and one of whom
862 shall be a person with experience with the administration of the State
863 Building Code. The chairperson of the council shall be the
864 Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's
865 designee. A person employed by the Department of Administrative
866 Services who is responsible for school building projects shall serve as
867 the administrative staff of the council. The council shall meet at least
868 quarterly to discuss matters relating to school building projects.

869 Sec. 14. Section 27-138 of the 2014 supplement to the general
870 statutes, as amended by section 121 of public act 13-247, is repealed
871 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

872 (a) The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund shall remain as
873 established and shall be in the custody of the Treasurer as trustee of
874 the fund and shall be administered by the American Legion. The
875 Treasurer shall invest the fund and shall reinvest as much of the fund
876 as is not required for current disbursement in accordance with the
877 provisions of [part I of chapter 32] this section. The interest
878 accumulations of the fund so held in trust or [so much thereof as is
879 found necessary] the corpus of the fund, to the extent that the interest
880 accumulations of such fund are insufficient to carry out the purposes
881 [hereinafter stated] of this section shall be [paid] disbursed to the
882 American Legion, [who shall disburse the same] which shall utilize
883 such funds as specified in subsection (b) of this section, and the
884 balance of said [accumulations, except for a reserve of one hundred
885 thousand dollars held in custody of the trustee for contingent
886 purposes,] funds shall at the end of each fiscal year be added to the
887 principal of the fund. [Payments] Disbursements to the American
888 Legion shall be made at such definite and stated periods as are
889 necessary to meet the convenience of the American Legion and said
890 trustee; but each [payment] disbursement shall be made upon the
891 order of the American Legion, approved by at least two of its executive
892 officers or of a special committee thereof thereunto specially

893 authorized. The American Legion may consult with the Treasurer
894 concerning investment of the fund. [Up to three hundred thousand
895 dollars of the interest accumulation may be utilized by the American
896 Legion to administer the fund, provided no additional part of the
897 interest accumulation of the fund shall be expended for the purpose of
898 maintaining the American Legion.]

899 (b) The Treasurer shall disburse not less than two million dollars
900 annually to the American Legion in accordance with subsection (a) of
901 this section. Such disbursement shall be made initially from interest
902 accumulations of the fund. If such interest accumulations are less than
903 two million dollars, the Treasurer shall disburse such amount of the
904 corpus of the fund as is necessary to equal two million dollars. The
905 American Legion shall utilize such amount for the purposes specified
906 under section 27-140, as amended by this act. None of such amount
907 may be used by the American Legion for expenses of administering or
908 operating the fund. The balance of any funds not expended by the end
909 of each fiscal year shall be added to the corpus of the fund.

910 (c) The American Legion shall promptly turn over all gifts, bequests
911 and donations received by it in support of the Soldiers, Sailors and
912 Marines Fund to the Treasurer, and the amounts of such gifts, bequests
913 and donations shall be added to the corpus of the fund.

914 Sec. 15. Section 27-138a of the general statutes is repealed and the
915 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

916 The [treasurer of the American Legion as] administrator of the
917 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund may make available: [at each town
918 clerk's office] (1) Online, a copy of the regulations of the fund and the
919 bylaws of the American Legion, and (2) at each town clerk's office,
920 applications for aid from the fund.

921 Sec. 16. Section 27-138b of the general statutes is repealed and the
922 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

923 Any applicant denied aid under section 27-140, as amended by this

924 act, shall be given written notice by registered mail by the
925 administrator of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund stating the
926 reasons for such denial. The applicant may, within [ten] fifteen days of
927 the date of the mailing of such notice, make a request in writing by
928 registered mail directed to the administrator for a hearing on such
929 denial. The administrator shall notify the applicant in writing, within
930 five days of the receipt of the request, of the place and date of hearing,
931 which hearing shall be held not less than thirty days from the date of
932 mailing of the notice. The hearing may be conducted by the
933 administrator or by a hearing officer appointed by the administrator in
934 writing. The applicant shall be entitled to be represented by counsel
935 and a transcript or audio or audiovisual recording of the hearing shall
936 be made by the administrator. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing
937 officer, he shall state his findings and make recommendation to the
938 administrator on the issue of the denial of the application. The
939 administrator, based upon such findings and recommendations of the
940 hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by him, shall render a
941 decision in writing denying the application or granting it in accordance
942 with the regulations of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund. A copy
943 of such decision shall be sent by registered mail to the applicant. An
944 applicant aggrieved by said decision may appeal therefrom as
945 provided in section 27-138c, as amended by this act.

946 Sec. 17. Section 27-138c of the general statutes is repealed and the
947 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

948 Any person aggrieved by a decision of the administrator rendered
949 under section 27-138b, as amended by this act, may appeal such
950 decision to a review board composed of [the Adjutant General or his or
951 her designee, the Attorney General or his or her designee, and the
952 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs or his or her designee] no fewer
953 than three members of the American Legion State Fund Commission
954 as specified in the bylaws of the American Legion. All appeals taken
955 pursuant to this section shall be based solely upon the record of the
956 hearing conducted pursuant to section 27-138b. A person aggrieved by
957 a decision of the review board may appeal to the Superior Court.

958 [pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54.]

959 Sec. 18. Section 27-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the
960 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

961 All money so paid to and received by the American Legion shall be
962 expended by it in furnishing temporary income; subsistence items such
963 as food, wearing apparel, shelter and related expenses; medical or
964 surgical aid or care or relief to, or in bearing the funeral expenses of,
965 soldiers, sailors or marines who performed service in time of war, as
966 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, in any branch of the
967 military service of the United States, including the Connecticut
968 National Guard, or who were engaged in any of the wars waged by the
969 United States during said periods in the forces of any government
970 associated with the United States, who have been honorably
971 discharged therefrom or honorably released from active service
972 therein, and who were citizens or resident aliens of the state at the time
973 of entering said armed forces of the United States, including the
974 Connecticut National Guard, or of any such government, or to their
975 spouses who are living with them, or to their widows or widowers
976 who were living with them at the time of death, or dependent children
977 under eighteen years of age, who may be in need of the same. All such
978 payments shall be made by the American Legion under authority of its
979 bylaws, which bylaws shall set forth the procedure for proof of
980 eligibility for such aid, provided payments made for the care and
981 treatment of any person entitled to the benefits provided for herein, at
982 any hospital receiving aid from the General Assembly unless special
983 care and treatment are required, shall be in accordance with the
984 provisions of section 17b-239, and provided the sum expended for the
985 care or treatment of such person at any other place than a state-aided
986 hospital shall in no case exceed the actual cost of supporting such
987 person at the Veterans' Home, unless special care and treatment are
988 required, when such sum as may be determined by the treasurer of
989 such organization may be paid therefor. [The treasurer of such
990 organization shall account to the Governor and the General Assembly
991 during the months of January, April, July and October for all moneys

992 disbursed by it during the three months next preceding the first day of
993 either of said months, and such account shall show the amount of and
994 the name and address of each person to whom such aid has been
995 furnished.] Upon the completion of the trust provided for in section
996 27-138, as amended by this act, the principal fund shall revert to the
997 State Treasury.

998 Sec. 19. Section 27-138e of the 2014 supplement to the general
999 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1000 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1001 (a) The American Legion shall, on or before January fifteenth
1002 [~~biennially~~] annually, cause an independent audit to be conducted of
1003 the expenditures of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, described
1004 in section 27-138, as amended by this act. Such audit shall be
1005 conducted in accordance with sections 4-230 to 4-236, inclusive, and
1006 regulations adopted pursuant to section 4-236. The audit report shall
1007 include: (1) [A detailed description of the fund investments; (2) a
1008 description of investment returns, including interest, dividends,
1009 realized capital gains and unrealized capital gains organized by
1010 investment type; (3) a] A list of [operating] expenditures authorized
1011 pursuant to section 27-140, as amended by this act, that describes the
1012 type, and includes the assistance amount and the number of recipients,
1013 of each expenditure for each month; [(4) a list of the number of grant
1014 recipients each month; (5) the fund balance for the current year, the
1015 amount of interest earned for the current year, the estimated fund
1016 balance for the subsequent year and the estimated interest earned for
1017 the subsequent year; and (6) any other information that is required to
1018 be reported to the Treasurer] and (2) a detailed description of the
1019 administrative and operating expenditures incurred by the American
1020 Legion in administering the fund, along with the names, titles and
1021 compensation of all staff administering the operations of the fund.

1022 (b) Not later than seven business days after the date on which the
1023 American Legion receives the audit report of the independent audit
1024 described in subsection (a) of this section, the American Legion shall

1025 submit to the [Treasurer] Auditors of Public Accounts, the Office of
1026 Policy and Management, and the joint standing committees of the
1027 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to [finance,
1028 revenue and bonding] appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
1029 and veterans' and military affairs a copy of such report. The American
1030 Legion shall make such report available to the public in [a paper and]
1031 an electronic format.

1032 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) All furnishings, equipment,
1033 and supplies in the possession of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines
1034 Fund on June 30, 2014, shall be transferred to the American Legion at
1035 no cost to the American Legion. All documents in the possession of the
1036 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund on June 30, 2014, shall be retained
1037 by the state in accordance with the state's record retention
1038 requirements unless the State Librarian authorizes the administrator of
1039 the fund to retain temporary custody of such documents subject to any
1040 conditions said librarian may impose.

1041 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) With the approval of the
1042 Department of Administrative Services, the American Legion may
1043 utilize office space in state-owned or state-leased buildings, subject to
1044 reasonable office rental or lease costs. On and after July 1, 2014, with
1045 the approval of the Department of Administrative Services and the
1046 Office of Policy and Management, the American Legion shall not be
1047 charged for offices in locations where such space was provided on an
1048 in-kind basis as of June 30, 2014.

1049 Sec. 22. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) American Legion personnel with
1050 access to the CORE-CT system as of June 30, 2014, may, with the
1051 approval of the Comptroller, continue to have such access during the
1052 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, for the purposes of the orderly
1053 transition of accounting, human resources, payroll and other functions
1054 during such fiscal year.

1055 Sec. 23. Section 38a-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1056 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1057 (a) All domestic insurance companies and other domestic entities
1058 subject to taxation under chapter 207 shall, in accordance with section
1059 38a-48, as amended by this act, annually pay to the Insurance
1060 Commissioner, for deposit in the Insurance Fund established under
1061 section 38a-52a, an amount equal to the actual expenditures made by
1062 the Insurance Department during each fiscal year, and the actual
1063 expenditures made by the Office of the Healthcare Advocate,
1064 including the cost of fringe benefits for department and office
1065 personnel as estimated by the Comptroller, plus (1) the expenditures
1066 made on behalf of the department and the office from the Capital
1067 Equipment Purchase Fund pursuant to section 4a-9 for such year, and
1068 (2) the amount appropriated to the Department of Social Services for
1069 the fall prevention program established in section 17b-33 from the
1070 Insurance Fund for the fiscal year. [, but excluding]

1071 (b) The amount under subsection (a) of this section shall exclude (1)
1072 expenditures paid for by fraternal benefit societies, foreign and alien
1073 insurance companies and other foreign and alien entities under
1074 sections 38a-49 and 38a-50, and (2) expenditures, including the salaries
1075 and the cost of fringe benefits for the Office of the Healthcare Advocate
1076 personnel as estimated by the Comptroller, related to the development
1077 and implementation of a state healthcare innovation plan pursuant to
1078 the State Innovation Model Initiative by the Centers for Medicare and
1079 Medicaid Services Innovation Center. The expenditures set forth in
1080 subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be assessed in accordance with
1081 the provisions of section 19a-7j, as amended by this act.

1082 (c) Payments shall be made by assessment of all such domestic
1083 insurance companies and other domestic entities calculated and
1084 collected in accordance with the provisions of section 38a-48, as
1085 amended by this act. Any such domestic insurance company or other
1086 domestic entity aggrieved because of any assessment levied under this
1087 section may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of
1088 section 38a-52.

1089 Sec. 24. Section 38a-48 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1090 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1091 (a) On or before June thirtieth, annually, the Commissioner of
1092 Revenue Services shall render to the Insurance Commissioner a
1093 statement certifying the amount of taxes or charges imposed on each
1094 domestic insurance company or other domestic entity under chapter
1095 207 on business done in this state during the preceding calendar year.
1096 The statement for local domestic insurance companies shall set forth
1097 the amount of taxes and charges before any tax credits allowed as
1098 provided in section 12-202.

1099 (b) On or before July thirty-first, annually, the Insurance
1100 Commissioner and the Office of the Healthcare Advocate shall render
1101 to each domestic insurance company or other domestic entity liable for
1102 payment under section 38a-47, as amended by this act, (1) a statement
1103 [which] that includes (A) the amount appropriated to the Insurance
1104 Department and the Office of the Healthcare Advocate for the fiscal
1105 year beginning July first of the same year, (B) the cost of fringe benefits
1106 for department and office personnel for such year, as estimated by the
1107 Comptroller, (C) the estimated expenditures on behalf of the
1108 department and the office from the Capital Equipment Purchase Fund
1109 pursuant to section 4a-9 for such year, and (D) the amount
1110 appropriated to the Department of Social Services for the fall
1111 prevention program established in section 17b-33 from the Insurance
1112 Fund for the fiscal year, (2) a statement of the total taxes imposed on
1113 all domestic insurance companies and domestic insurance entities
1114 under chapter 207 on business done in this state during the preceding
1115 calendar year, and (3) the proposed assessment against that company
1116 or entity, calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)
1117 of this section, provided that for the purposes of this calculation the
1118 amount appropriated to the Insurance Department and the Office of
1119 the Healthcare Advocate plus the cost of fringe benefits for department
1120 and office personnel and the estimated expenditures on behalf of the
1121 department and the office from the Capital Equipment Purchase Fund
1122 pursuant to section 4a-9 shall be deemed to be the actual expenditures
1123 of the department and the office, and the amount appropriated to the

1124 Department of Social Services from the Insurance Fund for the fiscal
1125 year for the fall prevention program established in section 17b-33 shall
1126 be deemed to be the actual expenditures for the program.

1127 (c) (1) The proposed assessments for each domestic insurance
1128 company or other domestic entity shall be calculated by (A) allocating
1129 twenty per cent of the amount to be paid under section 38a-47, as
1130 amended by this act, among the domestic entities organized under
1131 sections 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive,
1132 in proportion to their respective shares of the total taxes and charges
1133 imposed under chapter 207 on such entities on business done in this
1134 state during the preceding calendar year, and (B) allocating eighty per
1135 cent of the amount to be paid under section 38a-47, as amended by this
1136 act, among all domestic insurance companies and domestic entities
1137 other than those organized under sections 38a-199 to 38a-209,
1138 inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, in proportion to their
1139 respective shares of the total taxes and charges imposed under chapter
1140 207 on such domestic insurance companies and domestic entities on
1141 business done in this state during the preceding calendar year,
1142 provided if there are no domestic entities organized under sections
1143 38a-199 to 38a-209, inclusive, and 38a-214 to 38a-225, inclusive, at the
1144 time of assessment, one hundred per cent of the amount to be paid
1145 under section 38a-47, as amended by this act, shall be allocated among
1146 such domestic insurance companies and domestic entities.

1147 (2) When the amount any such company or entity is assessed
1148 pursuant to this section exceeds twenty-five per cent of the actual
1149 expenditures of the Insurance Department and the Office of the
1150 Healthcare Advocate, such excess amount shall not be paid by such
1151 company or entity but rather shall be assessed against and paid by all
1152 other such companies and entities in proportion to their respective
1153 shares of the total taxes and charges imposed under chapter 207 on
1154 business done in this state during the preceding calendar year, except
1155 that for purposes of any assessment made to fund payments to the
1156 Department of Public Health to purchase vaccines, such company or
1157 entity shall be responsible for its share of the costs, notwithstanding

1158 whether its assessment exceeds twenty-five per cent of the actual
1159 expenditures of the Insurance Department and the Office of the
1160 Healthcare Advocate. The provisions of this subdivision shall not be
1161 applicable to any corporation [which] that has converted to a domestic
1162 mutual insurance company pursuant to section 38a-155 upon the
1163 effective date of any public act [which] that amends said section to
1164 modify or remove any restriction on the business such a company may
1165 engage in, for purposes of any assessment due from such company on
1166 and after such effective date.

1167 (d) For purposes of calculating the amount of payment under
1168 section 38a-47, as amended by this act, as well as the amount of the
1169 assessments under this section, the "total taxes imposed on all
1170 domestic insurance companies and other domestic entities under
1171 chapter 207" shall be based upon the amounts shown as payable to the
1172 state for the calendar year on the returns filed with the Commissioner
1173 of Revenue Services pursuant to chapter 207; with respect to
1174 calculating the amount of payment and assessment for local domestic
1175 insurance companies, the amount used shall be the taxes and charges
1176 imposed before any tax credits allowed as provided in section 12-202.

1177 (e) On or before September thirtieth, annually, for each fiscal year
1178 ending prior to July 1, 1990, the Insurance Commissioner and the
1179 Healthcare Advocate, after receiving any objections to the proposed
1180 assessments and making such adjustments as in their opinion may be
1181 indicated, shall assess each such domestic insurance company or other
1182 domestic entity an amount equal to its proposed assessment as so
1183 adjusted. Each domestic insurance company or other domestic entity
1184 shall pay to the Insurance Commissioner on or before October thirty-
1185 first an amount equal to fifty per cent of its assessment adjusted to
1186 reflect any credit or amount due from the preceding fiscal year as
1187 determined by the commissioner under subsection (g) of this section.
1188 Each domestic insurance company or other domestic entity shall pay
1189 to the Insurance Commissioner on or before the following April
1190 thirtieth, the remaining fifty per cent of its assessment.

1191 (f) On or before September first, annually, for each fiscal year
1192 ending after July 1, 1990, the Insurance Commissioner and the
1193 Healthcare Advocate, after receiving any objections to the proposed
1194 assessments and making such adjustments as in their opinion may be
1195 indicated, shall assess each such domestic insurance company or other
1196 domestic entity an amount equal to its proposed assessment as so
1197 adjusted. Each domestic insurance company or other domestic entity
1198 shall pay to the Insurance Commissioner (1) on or before June 30, 1990,
1199 and on or before June thirtieth annually thereafter, an estimated
1200 payment against its assessment for the following year equal to twenty-
1201 five per cent of its assessment for the fiscal year ending such June
1202 thirtieth, (2) on or before September thirtieth, annually, twenty-five per
1203 cent of its assessment adjusted to reflect any credit or amount due
1204 from the preceding fiscal year as determined by the commissioner
1205 under subsection (g) of this section, and (3) on or before the following
1206 December thirty-first and March thirty-first, annually, each domestic
1207 insurance company or other domestic entity shall pay to the Insurance
1208 Commissioner the remaining fifty per cent of its proposed assessment
1209 to the department in two equal installments.

1210 (g) (1) If the actual expenditures for the fall prevention program
1211 established in section 17b-33 are less than the amount allocated, the
1212 Commissioner of Social Services shall notify the Insurance
1213 Commissioner and the Healthcare Advocate. Immediately following
1214 the close of the fiscal year, the Insurance Commissioner and the
1215 Healthcare Advocate shall recalculate the proposed assessment for
1216 each domestic insurance company or other domestic entity in
1217 accordance with subsection (c) of this section using the actual
1218 expenditures made by the Insurance Department and the Office of the
1219 Healthcare Advocate during that fiscal year, the actual expenditures
1220 made on behalf of the department and the office from the Capital
1221 Equipment Purchase Fund pursuant to section 4a-9 and the actual
1222 expenditures for the fall prevention program. On or before July thirty-
1223 first, the Insurance Commissioner and the Healthcare Advocate shall
1224 render to each such domestic insurance company and other domestic
1225 entity a statement showing the difference between their respective

1226 recalculated assessments and the amount they have previously paid.
1227 On or before August thirty-first, the Insurance Commissioner and the
1228 Healthcare Advocate, after receiving any objections to such statements,
1229 shall make such adjustments [which] that in their opinion may be
1230 indicated, and shall render an adjusted assessment, if any, to the
1231 affected companies.

1232 (2) For purposes of recalculating assessments under subdivision (1)
1233 of this subsection, any expenditures under subdivision (2) of
1234 subsection (a) of section 19a-7j, as amended by this act, shall be
1235 excluded from the actual expenditures and the recalculated
1236 assessments.

1237 (h) If any assessment is not paid when due, a penalty of twenty-five
1238 dollars shall be added thereto, and interest at the rate of six per cent
1239 per annum shall be paid thereafter on such assessment and penalty.

1240 (i) The commissioner shall deposit all payments made under this
1241 section with the State Treasurer. On and after June 6, 1991, the moneys
1242 so deposited shall be credited to the Insurance Fund established under
1243 section 38a-52a and shall be accounted for as expenses recovered from
1244 insurance companies.

1245 Sec. 25. Section 19a-7j of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
1246 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1247 *1, 2014*):

1248 (a) (1) Not later than September first, annually, the Secretary of the
1249 Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the
1250 Commissioner of Public Health, shall [(1)] (A) determine the amount
1251 appropriated for the following purposes: [(A)] (i) To purchase, store
1252 and distribute vaccines for routine immunizations included in the
1253 schedule for active immunization required by section 19a-7f; [(B)] (ii)
1254 to purchase, store and distribute [(i)] (I) vaccines to prevent hepatitis A
1255 and B in persons of all ages, as recommended by the schedule for
1256 immunizations published by the National Advisory Committee for
1257 Immunization Practices, [(ii)] (II) antibiotics necessary for the

1258 treatment of tuberculosis and biologics and antibiotics necessary for
1259 the detection and treatment of tuberculosis infections, and [(iii)] (III)
1260 antibiotics to support treatment of patients in communicable disease
1261 control clinics, as defined in section 19a-216a; [(C)] (iii) to administer
1262 the immunization program described in section 19a-7f; and [(D)] (iv) to
1263 provide services needed to collect up-to-date information on childhood
1264 immunizations for all children enrolled in Medicaid who reach two
1265 years of age during the year preceding the current fiscal year, to
1266 incorporate such information into the childhood immunization
1267 registry, as defined in section 19a-7h, [and (2)] (B) calculate the
1268 difference between the amount expended in the prior fiscal year for the
1269 purposes set forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and the
1270 amount of the appropriation used for the purpose of the health and
1271 welfare fee established in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of
1272 subsection (b) of this section in that same year, and (C) inform the
1273 Insurance Commissioner of such [amount] amounts.

1274 (2) Not later than September first, annually, the Secretary of the
1275 Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the Healthcare
1276 Advocate, shall (A) determine, from the amount appropriated for the
1277 Office of the Healthcare Advocate, the amount appropriated for the
1278 development and implementation of a state healthcare innovation plan
1279 pursuant to the State Innovation Model Initiative by the Centers for
1280 Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center, including (i) the
1281 salaries and the cost of fringe benefits for the Office of the Healthcare
1282 Advocate personnel as estimated by the Comptroller and related to
1283 such development and implementation, and (ii) equipment and other
1284 expenses related to such development and implementation, (B)
1285 calculate the difference between the amount expended in the prior
1286 fiscal year for the purpose set forth in subparagraph (A) of this
1287 subdivision and the amount of the appropriation used for the purpose
1288 of the state innovation fee established in subparagraph (A) of
1289 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section in that same year, and
1290 (C) inform the Insurance Commissioner of such amounts.

1291 (b) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "health insurance" means

1292 health insurance of the types specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11)
1293 and (12) of section 38a-469, and (B) "exempt insurer" means a domestic
1294 insurer that administers self-insured health benefit plans and is exempt
1295 from third-party administrator licensure under subparagraph (C) of
1296 subdivision (11) of section 38a-720 and section 38a-720a.

1297 (2) (A) Each domestic insurer or health care center doing health
1298 insurance business in this state shall annually pay to the Insurance
1299 Commissioner, for deposit in the [General Fund] Insurance Fund
1300 established under section 38a-52a, a health and welfare fee and a state
1301 innovation model fee assessed by the Insurance Commissioner
1302 pursuant to this section.

1303 (B) Each third-party administrator licensed pursuant to section 38a-
1304 720a that provides administrative services for self-insured health
1305 benefit plans and each exempt insurer shall, on behalf of the self-
1306 insured health benefit plans for which such third-party administrator
1307 or exempt insurer provides administrative services, annually pay to
1308 the Insurance Commissioner, for deposit in the [General Fund]
1309 Insurance Fund established under section 38a-52a, a health and
1310 welfare fee and a state innovation model fee assessed by the Insurance
1311 Commissioner pursuant to this section.

1312 (3) Not later than September first, annually, each such insurer,
1313 health care center, third-party administrator and exempt insurer shall
1314 report to the Insurance Commissioner, on a form designated by said
1315 commissioner, the number of insured or enrolled lives in this state as
1316 of May first immediately preceding for which such insurer, health care
1317 center, third-party administrator or exempt insurer is providing health
1318 insurance or administering a self-insured health benefit plan that
1319 provides coverage of the types specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4),
1320 (11) and (12) of section 38a-469. Such number shall not include lives
1321 enrolled in Medicare, any medical assistance program administered by
1322 the Department of Social Services, workers' compensation insurance or
1323 Medicare Part C plans.

1324 (4) Not later than November first, annually, the Insurance

1325 Commissioner shall determine the [fee] fees to be assessed for the
1326 current fiscal year against each such insurer, health care center, third-
1327 party administrator and exempt insurer. Such [fee] fees shall be
1328 calculated by multiplying the number of lives reported to said
1329 commissioner pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection by a
1330 factor, determined annually by said commissioner as set forth in this
1331 subdivision, to fully fund the [amount] amounts determined under
1332 subsection (a) of this section, adjusted, (A) for a health and welfare fee,
1333 by subtracting, if the amount appropriated was more than the amount
1334 expended or by adding, if the amount expended was more than the
1335 amount appropriated, the amount calculated under subparagraph (B)
1336 of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, and (B) for a state
1337 innovation model fee, by subtracting, if the amount appropriated was
1338 more than the amount expended or by adding, if the amount expended
1339 was more than the amount appropriated, the amount calculated under
1340 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.
1341 The Insurance Commissioner shall determine the factor by dividing
1342 [such amount] the adjusted amounts by the total number of lives
1343 reported to said commissioner pursuant to subdivision (3) of this
1344 subsection.

1345 (5) (A) Not later than December first, annually, the Insurance
1346 Commissioner shall submit a statement to each such insurer, health
1347 care center, third-party administrator and exempt insurer that includes
1348 the proposed [fee] fees, identified on such statement as the "Health and
1349 Welfare fee" and the "State Innovation Model fee", for the insurer,
1350 health care center, third-party administrator or exempt insurer
1351 calculated in accordance with this subsection. Each such insurer,
1352 health care center, third-party administrator and exempt insurer shall
1353 pay such [fee] fees to the Insurance Commissioner not later than
1354 February first, annually.

1355 (B) Any such insurer, health care center, third-party administrator
1356 or exempt insurer aggrieved by an assessment levied under this
1357 subsection may appeal therefrom in the same manner as provided for
1358 appeals under section 38a-52.

1359 (6) Any insurer, health care center, third-party administrator or
 1360 exempt insurer that fails to file the report required under subdivision
 1361 (3) of this subsection shall pay a late filing fee of one hundred dollars
 1362 per day for each day from the date such report was due. The Insurance
 1363 Commissioner may require an insurer, health care center, third-party
 1364 administrator or exempt insurer subject to this subsection to produce
 1365 the records in its possession, and may require any other person to
 1366 produce the records in such person's possession, that were used to
 1367 prepare such report, for said commissioner's or said commissioner's
 1368 designee's examination. If said commissioner determines there is other
 1369 than a good faith discrepancy between the actual number of insured or
 1370 enrolled lives that should have been reported under subdivision (3) of
 1371 this subsection and the number actually reported, such insurer, health
 1372 care center, third-party administrator or exempt insurer shall pay a
 1373 civil penalty of not more than fifteen thousand dollars for each report
 1374 filed for which said commissioner determines there is such a
 1375 discrepancy.

1376 Sec. 26. Section 27-138d of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 1377 *July 1, 2014*)

1378 Sec. 27. Sections 8-37ppp and 12-170ee of the 2014 supplement to the
 1379 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	3-55i
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	22a-27j
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	12-263m(e)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April 1, 2014</i>	12-120b
Sec. 6	<i>from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April 1, 2014</i>	12-170d

Sec. 7	<i>from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April 1, 2014</i>	12-170f(a)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April 1, 2014</i>	12-170g
Sec. 9	<i>from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April 1, 2014</i>	12-170bb
Sec. 10	<i>from passage and applicable to applications made on or after April 1, 2014</i>	17b-90(b)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	8-37qqq
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	3-65a
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	10-292q(a)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	27-138
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	27-138a
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	27-138b
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	27-138c
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	27-140
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	27-138e
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	38a-47
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	38a-48
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-7j
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

Section 1 eliminates the requirement that \$135 million of Indian gaming revenue be transferred from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot/Mohegan Fund for aid to municipalities. Instead, the amount transferred to the General Fund from the Pequot Fund must be equal to the appropriation for the Pequot grant.

This has no fiscal impact. The bill does not change the FY 15 appropriation for Pequot grants, or the amount needed to fully fund the grant (Pequot grants are prorated in years that the appropriation is insufficient to pay fully funded grant amounts.)

Section 2 requires Pequot grant funding retained from municipalities due to noncompliance with Land Use Recording Fee collection requirements to be transferred from the Pequot fund to the General Fund. This results in an annual revenue gain to the General Fund of \$109,000 beginning in FY 15. There is an additional revenue gain in FY 15 of \$109,000 due to the transfer of funding retained in previous fiscal years, for a total of \$218,000 in FY 15 only.

Section 3 requires each basic and review training program for police officers conducted by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) or a municipal police department to include a course on handling incidents involving an individual affected by a serious mental illness. DESPP is anticipated to incur costs of approximately \$50,000 in FY 15 to develop a training module for state

and municipal police officers consistent with this requirement. Both DESPP and various municipalities are anticipated to incur minimal costs in FY 16 and annually thereafter to incorporate such a training program into existing basic and review training curricula.

sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes funding of \$50,000 for DESPP associated with this provision.

Section 4 eliminates the transfer of funds from the Dry Cleaning Remediation account to Dry Cleaning Remediation administration account, a non-appropriated account. There will be an estimated cost of \$150,000 to the General Fund to support the administration of the program when the balance of the administration account is fully expended, which is anticipated to occur by FY 17.

Sections 5 - 11 and 27 transfer the administration of the Renters' Rebate Program from the Department of Housing (DOH) to the Office of Policy Management (OPM). There are no anticipated costs or savings associated with the transfer.

Section 6 re-opens eligibility for the Renters' Rebate Program. This results in an annualized cost of \$6.5 million in FY 15. sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes the \$6.5 million necessary to re-open the program.

Section 9 additionally permits OPM to determine whether a renter was overpaid in the program, and in such a case, recoup the overpayment amount in subsequent grants paid to the renter. To the extent that such an incident occurs, there may be savings incurred in the fiscal year subsequent to the overpayment.

Section 12 requires the Office of the State Treasurer to transfer military medals received as unclaimed property to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This has no fiscal impact.

Section 13 adds two members to the School Building Projects

Advisory Council. This has no fiscal impact.

Sections 14 to 22 and 27 limit benefits from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines' Fund to \$2.0 million annually. (Annual benefits in FY 12, FY 13 and FY 14 are approximately \$2.0 million.) The bill permits these benefits to be paid from interest income and dividends generated by the Fund or from the principal of the Fund itself if interest income and dividends are insufficient in any given year. The current principal of the Fund is approximately \$68.2 million. The bill prohibits the American Legion, which will begin administering the Fund in FY 15, from charging administrative costs to the Fund. Instead, sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes \$635,000 for the Department of Veteran's Affairs to cover the cost to the American Legion to administer the Fund.

Sections 23 - 25 establish an annual assessment mechanism for the State Innovation Model (SIM). sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes the \$3.2 million in the proposed FY 15 revised budget for the SIM.

Section 25 will result in an annual fiscal impact to the state employee and retiree health plan. The State Innovation Model fee, payable to the Dept. of Insurance, applies to the State Employee's and Retiree Health Plan, through their Third Party Administrator (TPA). The fee is anticipated to be passed through to the state health plan. It is uncertain what the actual fee for the state plan will be. The total program expenditures being assessed in FY 15 is approximately \$3.2 million. In general the fee is calculated based on the number of covered lives in the plan. The state health plan currently covers 207,099 lives.

Section 25 also transfers the revenue from the existing health and welfare fee assessment of these same entities from the General Fund to the Insurance Fund. It requires that this assessment, executed by the Insurance Commissioner, be adjusted upwards or downwards by the actual expenditures from the prior fiscal year. Currently, the total amount assessed for the resources of the General Fund is built off of

the appropriation for the Department of Public Health's (DPH's) Immunization Services account. sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, transfers DPH's Immunization Services from the General Fund (\$31,361,117) to the Insurance Fund. Fringe benefit costs for employees funded by the Insurance Fund are budgeted within the Insurance Fund. Therefore, fringe benefits costs for three DPH employees (\$148,324) are also transferred from the Office of the State Comptroller – Fringe Benefits in the General Fund to DPH's Immunization Services account in the Insurance Fund. This results in total funding of \$31,509,441 for DPH's Immunization Services account in the Insurance Fund.

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State Impact: See Above

Municipal Impact: See Above

OFA Bill Analysis**sSB 21*****AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT.*****SUMMARY:**

Section 1 eliminates the requirement that \$135 million of Indian gaming revenue be transferred from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot/Mohegan Fund for aid to municipalities. Instead, it requires that the amount transferred from the General Fund to the Pequot fund be equal to the amount appropriated for Pequot grants to towns.

Section 2 requires Pequot grant funding retained from municipalities due to noncompliance with Land Use Recording Fee collection requirements to be transferred from the Pequot fund to the General Fund. Municipalities are required to remit land use recording fees to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. If municipalities do not comply with this requirement, they are penalized via a reduction in their Pequot grant payment. Currently, funding that is not paid out due to these penalties is retained by the Pequot fund.

Section 2 also eliminates obsolete language regarding the Land Use Recording Fee.

Section 3 requires each basic and review training program for State Police and municipal police officers to include a course on handling incidents involving an individual affected by a serious mental illness.

Section 4 eliminates the transfer of funds from the Dry Cleaning Remediation account to the Dry Cleaning Remediation administration

account, a non-appropriated account.

Sections 5 - 11 and 27 transfer the administration of the Renters' Rebate Program from the Department of Housing to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Section 9 additionally permits OPM to determine whether a renter was overpaid, and in such a case, recoup the overpayment amount in subsequent grants paid to the renter.

Section 6 re-opens eligibility for the Renters' Rebate Program to individuals who did not receive a rebate for calendar year 2011 and/or any subsequent year. Under current law, such individuals are ineligible to apply for a grant in the program. The bill applies to applications made on or after April 1, 2014.

Section 12 requires the Office of the State Treasurer to transfer military medals received as unclaimed property to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Section 13 adds two members to the School Building Projects Advisory Council.

Sections 14 - 19 limit the benefits from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines' Fund (SSMF) to \$2.0 million annually and permit these benefits to be paid from interest income and dividends generated by the Fund or from the principal of the Fund itself if interest income and dividends are insufficient in any given year. The bill prohibits the American Legion, which will begin to administer the Fund in FY 15, from charging administrative costs to the Fund.

Sections 20 - 22 allow all furnishings, equipment and supplies currently used by the SSMF to be transferred to the American Legion in FY 15. The American Legion may also utilize a state owned or leased building and shall not be charged if the building was provided on an in-kind basis with the approval of the Department of Administrative Services.

Sections 23 to 25 establish a separate fee for the State Innovation Model (SIM), which is housed under the Office of the Healthcare

Advocate. OPM must annually determine the amount spent on the development and implementation of the SIM and inform the Insurance Commissioner of the amount. The Insurance Commissioner will annually assess each domestic insurer, health care center, third-party administrator and exempt insurer doing health insurance business in the state for the cost of the SIM and deposit the proceeds in the Insurance Fund.

Section 25 also transfers the health and welfare fee assessment revenue from the General Fund to the Insurance Fund. This change is in concert with the transfer of the Immunization Services account under the Department of Public Health from the General Fund to the Insurance Fund, provided in sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014. Except for: Section 3, effective October 1, 2014; Sections 5 – 11 and 27, effective from passage and applicable to applications made on and after April 1, 2014; Sections 13, 26, and 27, effective from passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 19 (04/01/2014)